GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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ELIMINATION OF BOGUS RATION CARD
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has written to the State Governments and Union Territoriesto weed out bogus card to check diversion of essential commodities distributed through the Public Distribution System;

(b) if so, the response received from the State Governments and Union Territories in this regard; and

(c) the total number of cases taken up till date against the Fair Price Shopowners involvedin bogus ration cards throughout the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI CHAUHAN)

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. State Governments/UTs have been requested to take appropriate action for elimination of bogus ration cards so as to minimise diversion. Most of the States/UTs have informed that they are taking corrective measures as suggested by the Ministry. These include formation of vigilance committees, monitoring and supervision of the activities of Fair Price Shops through PRIs, regular inspection of Fair Price Shops, door to door checkingto eliminate bogus ration cards as well as bogus units in the ration cards. State Governments/ UTs furnish monthly information to Government of India regarding the number of ration cards issued and cancelled during the month.

(c) No case of Fair Price Shops` involvement in bogus ration cards has been reported to the Ministry by the State Governments.